

Attendance of the September 15, 2004 GMAC Meeting
(based on sign-in sheet)

Name	Agency
Amiri, Shahrzad	LACMTA
Amos, Jeff	Don Breazeale and Associates
Ansari, Abdollah	LACMTA
Baldwin, Hon. Harry	City of San Gabriel
Bone, Hon. Lou	City of Tustin
Brown, Hon. Arthur C.	City of Buena Park
Cartwright, Kerry	Port of Long Beach
Cheng, Luke	LACMTA
Daniels, Hon. Gene	City of Paramount
Devlin, Chris	Devlin Consulting
Dorland, Kanya	Port of Los Angeles
Guss, Ron	California Trucking Association
Hart, Arno	Wilbur Smith Associates
Lai, Sue	Port of Los Angeles
Lantz, Steve	Metrolink
Lee, Francis	Caltrans District 7
Lin, Brian	LACMTA
Lopez, Ernest	SCAQMD
Marcus, Richard	OCTA
Proo, Hon. Beatrice	City of Pico Rivera
Rodriguez, Dilara	Caltrans
San Agustin, Liberty	Caltrans District 7
Shiner, John	Union Pacific Railroad
Staba, Gail	McFait & Nichol
White, Nancy	CHP
SCAG Staff	
Amatya, Naresh	
Wong, Philbert	

**GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park, called the meeting to order. A list of those in attendance is included in the minutes. Self introductions were made.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of the July 21, 2004 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was seconded and approved with no objections. Attendance list will be amended to reflect Mayor Lawrence Dale's (City of Barstow) attendance by videoconference.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Update on Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan

Ms. Shahrzad Amiri, MTA, presented this item. The Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan is a highly collaborative effort begun in May 2004 involving MTA, OCTA, SANBAG, RCTC, VCTC, as well as SCAG and Caltrans Districts 7,8, 11, and 12. The purpose of this effort is to create a regional action plan of strategies to facilitate the mobility of goods in the region. Furthermore, this effort will help to ensure that scarce resources will not be wasted in duplicative efforts conducted by other agencies. In addition, the plan will seek to balance environmental and community concerns with goods movement and transportation infrastructure improvements.

A public outreach plan is currently being developed, and a Technical Advisory Committee has been formed but not finalized.

It is anticipated that this plan will be completed in early 2006. All of the participating organizations are providing funding and staff resources.

4.2 Report on SANBAG Subregional Freight Movement Study

Viggen Davidian of Meyer, Mohaddes, Associates presented this item. Truck movement in San Bernardino County in the East-west direction is very heavy now, and expected to be even heavier in the future. These warnings prompted the study to look at the western part of San Bernardino County from north of the SR-60 to the SR-210 corridor, and the western San Bernardino Valley area, including Fontana and Rialto to the LA County Line.

The overall purpose of this study is to improve the tools and methods available to forecast truck traffic. There was concern that models did not have truck components to forecast patterns volumes, etc, for this part of the county.

The Steering committee was made of SANBAG, SCAG, and the local jurisdictions in that area, including Caltrans. The data generated by this report is available electronically as well as on the SCAG website.

Some of the heaviest truck percentages are concentrated around the Ontario Airport, Etiwanda, and some of the east west arterials around the I-15 freeway.

Mr. Davidian provided a graphical representation of trucking 'hot spots' including the corner of Milliken at the 10, and other areas. Also displayed were heavy levels of accident locations, as well as heavy usage for all vehicle types by time period.

The segment between the I-10 and the SR-60 on the I-15 has the heaviest two way truck volume on any freeway in that area. It was stated that truckers seem to aim to avoid the rush our peaks and congested areas. Trucks are 16 to 18% of the aggregate volume on a number of area freeways, which is very significant.

The study also examined trip generation rates, such as in the SCAG Heavy Duty truck model, and in the work that had been done at the Ports of Long Beach and the Port of LA. The City of Fontana recently collected and did surveys on trucking activity and truck trip generation rates at special generators, and that work is currently being transmitted and folded in to the IT Trip generation manual. The study also looked at air cargo trips at Ontario and San Bernardino Airports, and conducted trip generation rates for those as well. This work will help to formulate better truck trip rates for the area.

5.0 STAFF REPORT

Meeting rooms under renovation during the month of October. All task force meetings are thus moved to nearby Metrolink offices.

6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

George Fetty, of George R Fetty and Associates provided an update on the Inland Empire Mainline Rail Study. This study takes the same information and study approach as that conducted by SCAG a couple years ago, this time from Colton to Indio and Barstow on the Union Pacific and BNSF lines. The first phase of the study has been completed, which examined baseline conditions in 2000, then forecast train volumes in 2015 and 2025. The next step is to work with stakeholders, which includes the railroads, the county transportation commissions, Metrolink, Amtrak to look at their plans are for growth as well as obtain their feedback and input.

The key task of this study is to develop and simulate alternative railroad operating plans and scenarios, looking at the possibility of some moderate amount of consolidation, though the railroads have historically opposed this. The alternative operating plans and scenarios will be ranked, and combinations of different operating approaches that can be used will be looked at to minimize the investment needed.

The final part of the study is to conduct an analysis of train and vehicular emissions, and noise impacts resulting from trains, train crossings, etc. The study will provide a final report by March 31, 2005. Heading up this study is Rob Leachman of Rob Leachman and Associates.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regular GMAC meeting will be:
Wednesday, October 20th, 2004
9:30am-11:00am
SCAG Offices, San Bernardino Conference Rooms A&B

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.